

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**MARQUIS TILMAN**

**PLAINTIFF**

**v.**

**Civil Action No.: 2:20-cv-10-KS-MTP**

**CLARKE COUNTY, SHERIFF TODD  
KEMP, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY,  
DEPUTY BENJAMIN IVY, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL  
CAPACITY, AND DEPUTY ANTHONY CHANCELOR,  
DEPUTY RYAN EVANS, DEPUTY AUSTIN TOUCHSTONE,  
DEPUTY JUSTIN RAWSON, AND DEPUTY BILLY  
LEWIS, IN THEIR INDIVIDUAL CAPACITIES  
AND/OR OTHER EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING  
SUPERVISORY OFFICIALS WHOSE IDENTITIES  
ARE CURRENTLY UNKNOWN**

**DEFENDANTS**

**SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT  
(Jury Trial Demanded)**

COMES NOW, Plaintiff Marquis Tilman, by counsel, and files this his *Second Amended Complaint* against Clarke County, Sheriff Todd Kemp, in his individual capacity, Deputy Benjamin Ivy, in his individual capacity, and Deputy Anthony Chancelor, Deputy Ryan Evans, Deputy Austin Touchstone, Justin Rawson, and Billy Lewis, in their individual capacities, to recover actual and punitive damages (against the individually named Defendants) for the Defendants' intentional violation of Plaintiff's Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) and Fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) Amendment rights to be free from excessive force and/or punishment, made actionable pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1983, attorney's fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1988, and also the common law right to be free from county law enforcement evincing reckless disregard towards the Plaintiff made actionable pursuant to the Mississippi Tort Claims Act ("MTCA"), and Mississippi common law and would show unto the Honorable Court the following, to wit:

**PARTIES**

1. Marquis Tilman (“Plaintiff”) is an adult resident citizen of Clarke County, Mississippi.
2. Defendant Clarke County (“Clarke Co.”) is a governmental entity that may be served with process upon Angie Wade Chisholm, Chancery Clerk, located at 101 S. Archusa Avenue, Quitman, MS 39355. As part of its function, Clarke County operates Clarke County Sheriff’s Department. In this capacity, its employees who were involved in the incident at issue are named in the Complaint.
3. Defendant Sheriff Todd Kemp (“Sheriff Kemp”) is an adult resident citizen of Clarke County, employed by Clarke County, and he may be served with process at his place of employment, Clarke County Sheriff’s Department, located at 444 W Donald Street, Quitman, MS 39355.
4. Defendant Deputy Benjamin Ivy (“Deputy Ivy”) is an adult resident citizen of Clarke County, employed by Clarke County and he may be served with process at this place of employment, located at 444 W Donald Street, Quitman, MS 39355.
5. Defendant Deputy Anthony Chancelor (“Deputy Chancelor”) is an adult resident citizen of Clarke County, employed by Clarke County, and he may be served with process at his place of employment, Clarke County Sheriff’s Department, located at 444 W Donald Street, Quitman, MS 39355.
6. Defendant Deputy Ryan Evans (“Deputy Evans”) is an adult resident citizen of Clarke County, employed by Clarke County, and he may be served with process at his place of employment, Clarke County Sheriff’s Department, located at 444 W Donald Street, Quitman, MS 39355.

7. Defendant Deputy Austin Touchstone (“Deputy Touchstone”) is an adult resident citizen of Clarke County, employed by Clarke County, and he may be served with process at his place of employment, Clarke County Sheriff’s Department, located at 444 W Donald Street, Quitman, MS 39355.
8. Defendant Deputy Justin Rawson (“Deputy Rawson”) is an adult resident citizen of Clarke County, employed by Clarke County, and he may be served with process at his place of employment, Clarke County Sheriff’s Department, located at 444 W Donald Street, Quitman, MS 39355.
9. Defendant Deputy Billy Lewis (“Deputy Lewis”) is adult resident citizens of Clarke County, employed by Clarke County, and they may be served with process at their place of employment, Clarke County Sheriff’s Department, located at 444 W Donald Street, Quitman, MS 39355.

#### **JURISDICTION and VENUE**

10. This action is being brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331, 28 U.S.C. §1343 (1-4), and 2202 as this case involves a Federal Question based on Plaintiff’s protected rights under the U.S. Constitution particularly the 4<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments and 42 U.S.C. §1983 and §1988. Plaintiff further invokes the supplemental jurisdiction of this Court to adjudicate State law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367. These pendent state law claims include, without limitation, Title 11, Chapter 46, known as the Mississippi Tort Claims Act, §11-7-13 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, common law claims of reckless disregard and intentional torts.
11. Venue is proper in the Southern District of Mississippi, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391 since the actions complained of giving rise to this claim occurred in this judicial district.

The matter in controversy exclusive of interests and costs exceeds \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars).

### **STATEMENTS**

12. Plaintiff was chased down Highway 45 North by Deputy Benjamin Ivy on March 21, 2019 at approximately 3:00 p.m. Once Plaintiff was detained by Deputy Ivy, he was brutally beaten by Clarke County officials, using excessive force, handcuffs, and eventually sought medical assistance for Plaintiff's various severe injuries. During the course of this unconstitutional assault, not one single deputy or official attempted to cease the attack, intercede to prevent further abuse or offered medical assistance to Plaintiff despite Plaintiffs cries for help and many requests for medical assistance. This unconscionable conduct violated both Federal and State Law. Justice for these acts is sought by this lawsuit.

### **FACTS**

13. The actions involved in this case are the result of the practices, policies and/or customs of Defendant Clarke County and its' employees and policy makers including the Sheriff, Deputies, other supervisory officials, and/or other employees in the operation of the Sheriff's Department.

14. This is a claim for Federal law violations, State law negligence, and intentional torts filed by Plaintiff. These violations caused pain and suffering to Plaintiff on March 21, 2019.

15. Plaintiff was not made safe by employees of Clarke County Sheriff's Department while being detained and held within its custody. Rather, Defendants Sheriff Kemp, Deputy Ivy, Deputy Chancellor, Deputy Evans, Deputy Touchstone, Deputy Rawson, and Deputy Lewis, In Their Individual and Official Capacities as deputies/employees of Clarke

County Sheriff's Department breached their duty to monitor, care for, and provide necessary medical attention to Plaintiff. By doing so, Defendants were deliberately indifferent to Plaintiff's constitutional rights and physical welfare.

16. During the vehicle chase between Plaintiff and Defendant Deputy Ivy, Sheriff Kemp went live over the police scanner and encouraged his deputies to violate Plaintiff's Constitutional rights by instructing those deputies involved to beat Plaintiff once Plaintiff was apprehended.
17. Using their squad cars, Defendant Deputy Ivy, Deputy Chancellor, Deputy Evans, Deputy Touchstone, Deputy Rawson, and Deputy Lewis (collectively "deputies") collided with Plaintiff's vehicle causing Plaintiff to wreck.
18. Plaintiff, realizing he could go no further, attempted to surrender when the deputies stormed Plaintiff's vehicle, violently threw Plaintiff to the ground and commenced the brutal beating which gives rise to this litigation.
19. Incapacitated and willing to do anything to get the deputies to cease their violent attack, Plaintiff was handcuffed, but the beating continued.
20. At the complete mercy of the deputies, Plaintiff was stomped, kicked, punched, kneed, and hit repeatedly causing severe injuries to Plaintiff's face, eyes, and chest.
21. At no point did any of the deputies, police official, Sheriff Kemp, or other County officer attempted to stop the brutal unconstitutional beating of Plaintiff. Following departmental customs and obeying the orders of Sheriff Kemp, the deputies continued their assault until they deemed Plaintiff had surly learned his lesson.
22. In excruciating pain and to no avail, Plaintiff plead with the deputies to summon emergency medical personnel.

23. Hours later, Plaintiff was finally transported by Defendants to H.C. Watkins Memorial Hospital in Quitman, MS and later transported to University Hospital in Jackson, MS where Defendants were informed by physician on-duty that Plaintiff required additional medical treatment once he was released.
24. Additionally, Defendants were informed that they would need an approved person to administer medicine to Plaintiff, to prevent further medical emergencies.
25. Purposefully disregarding the physician's orders, Defendants did not allow Plaintiff to receive additional medical treatment, nor did Defendants ensure Plaintiff's medications were being administered correctly.
26. As a result of Defendants' deliberate and wanton indifference towards Plaintiff's serious medical needs, Plaintiff later became ill and starting vomiting blood.
27. Despite the assault by excessive force and deliberate delay in medical assistance for Plaintiff, Defendants charged Plaintiff and he is currently still in the custody of Clarke County.
28. At all relevant times, Defendants were on duty at the Clarke County Sheriff's Department.
29. At all relevant times, Defendant Sheriff Kemp was the commanding officer and policy maker throughout the entire incident and responsible for the actions and/or omissions of the aforementioned deputy officers. He was also responsible for insuring that Plaintiff was kept safe. Sheriff Kemp failed to keep Plaintiff safe from harm caused by the acts of those under his command, nor did Sheriff Kemp have a desire to do so, as he instructed his deputies to carry out the attack on Plaintiff.

30. The resulting injuries sustained by Plaintiff were caused solely by the Defendants, in violation of Plaintiff's Civil and Constitutional rights, Mississippi State law and without any cause, provocation, or negligence on the part of Plaintiff contributing thereto.

**FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

**(Excessive Force, and Violation of Due Process under 42 U.S.C. §1983)**

31. Plaintiff hereby repeats and realleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 30, inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

32. Defendants Deputy Ivy, Deputy Chancellor, Deputy Evans, Deputy Touchstone, Deputy Rawson, and Deputy Lewis that chased, detained, and brutally beat Plaintiff violated his due process rights, used excessive physical force, handcuffed him when he was visibly seriously injured, and continued their beating once Plaintiff was handcuffed and motionless. These acts were unconstitutional in violation of Plaintiff's 4<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment Rights. Plaintiff was in a pre-trial status as a detainee and this treatment was a violation of his due process rights to be free from excessive force and/or punishment.

33. As a result, Plaintiff suffered serious injuries, pain and suffering, and fear of impending death.

**SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

**(Monell under 42 U.S.C. §1983)**

34. Plaintiff hereby repeats and realleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 33, inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

35. At all relevant times, Defendants Clarke County and Sheriff Kemp maintained a custom, practice and/or policy of beating and using excessive force against prisoners who in the opinion of Detention Center employees exhibited signs of disrespect, recalcitrance or other types of resistance. Instead of simply punishing this type of behavior with non-

physical, non-forceful disciplinary measures, Clarke County detention officers routinely used excessive force, barbaric measures and cruel punishment against detainees similar to Plaintiff.

36. This policy, custom and/or practice is deliberately indifference to the constitutional rights of individuals like Plaintiff herein and allowed for the individually-named Defendants to deprive the Plaintiff of his rights under both Federal and State law.

37. As a result of the foregoing, the Plaintiff was needlessly injured.

38. Upon information and belief, the individually-named Clarke County personnel, including “Deputy Ivy, Deputy Chancellor, Deputy Evans, Deputy Touchstone, Deputy Rawson, and Deputy Lewis” that beat Plaintiff without giving him immediate medical care were improperly trained, supervised, and retained in violation of the standards set out by the Monell doctrine. Furthermore, these individually-named Defendants responsible for Plaintiff’s injuries had prior histories of using excessive force and were known threats to members of the public and therefore improperly retained.

39. As a result of the Defendants’ deliberate indifference to its training, supervisory and retention of the Defendant jailers, deputies, sergeants, and Detention Center personnel, the Plaintiff was caused to suffer grave injuries, without fault or contribution by the Plaintiff.

**THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**(Negligent Training, Supervision and Retention as to Defendants Clarke County and Sheriff Kemp)**

40. Plaintiff hereby repeats and realleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 39, inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.



41. At all relevant times, Defendant Clarke County and Defendant Sheriff Kemp had a duty to screen applicants for hire to its Sheriff's Department, retention to its Sheriff's Department or to discharge from its employ those employees who were not fit, suitable, properly trained and instructed, that constituted a potential menace, hazard, or danger to the public, those with vicious propensities and those with emotional, physical, psychological, racist, biased and/or physiological traits or characteristics unsuitable, unstable, or contraindicated for such employment.
42. At all relevant times, it was the duty of Defendant Clarke County and Defendant Sheriff Kemp to sufficiently hire, train and retain personnel within the Sheriff's Department at the supervisory, and lower ranked levels so as to sufficiently discipline, supervise, and enact appropriate rules applicable to the duties, behavior and activities of their servants, agents, deputy, sheriff's department employees and/or personnel.
43. Upon information and belief, the individually-named Clarke County Sheriff's Department personnel including Sheriff Kemp, Deputy Ivy, Deputy Chancellor, Deputy Evans, Deputy Touchstone, Deputy Rawson, and Deputy Lewis that beat Plaintiff without giving him adequate medical treatment once released from the University Hospital were improperly trained, supervised and retained by Defendant Clarke County. Furthermore, these individually-named Defendants responsible for Plaintiff's injuries had prior histories of using excessive force and were known threats to members of the public and therefore improperly retained.
44. As a result of the Defendants' negligence in its training, supervision and retention of the Defendant officers and Sheriff's Department personnel, the Plaintiff was caused to suffer grave injuries, without fault or contribution by the Plaintiff.

**FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**(Supervisory Liability under 42 U.S.C. §1983)**

45. Plaintiff hereby repeats and realleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 44, inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.
46. Upon information and belief, among the individually-named Defendants were supervisors, like Defendant Sheriff Kemp who were assigned to supervise and control the actions of the named Clarke County Sheriff's Department.
47. Defendant Sheriff Kemp was the moving force behind the unconstitutional attack and violated his supervisory duties by ordering the assault of Plaintiff, failing to monitor, care for those being detained and in their custody like Plaintiff, participating in and/or ordering the vicious attack on Plaintiff, and failure to provide medical care thereafter, without justification.

**FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**(Failure to Intervene under 42 U.S.C. §1983)**

48. Plaintiff hereby repeats and realleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 47, inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.
49. Each of the individually-named Defendants had a duty to intervene when they saw illegal conduct taking place in connection with the handcuffing, excessive beating and failure to obtain additional medical care for Plaintiff.
50. In particular, once Plaintiff was apprehended, struck by multiple officers including Deputy Ivy, and seriously injured, the Defendants' failure to stop the attack and provide medical care violated the individually-named Defendants' duty to intervene and put a stop to the unconstitutional acts taking place.

51. The failure of these Defendants to do so contravened Plaintiff's constitutional rights and violated 42 U.S.C. §1983. As a result, Plaintiff suffered serious physical injuries to his face, eye, chest, and body as a whole.

**SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

**(Negligence, Gross Negligence and/or Reckless Disregard of Defendants Deputy Ivy, Deputy Anthony Chancellor, Deputy Ryan Evans, Deputy Austin Touchstone, Justin Rawson, and Billy Lewis, In Their Individual Capacities)**

52. Plaintiff hereby repeats and realleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 51, inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

53. Defendants Deputy Ivy, Deputy Chancellor, Deputy Evans, Deputy Touchstone, Deputy Rawson, and Deputy Lewis negligently, gross negligently, and/or with reckless disregard, failed to provide for the safety, security and protection of the Plaintiff by failing to comply with the County Sheriff's Department's own rules of conduct as it related to use of force, the monitoring of detainees and getting medical assistance for detainees/individuals in need. Clarke County had implemented a set of guidelines regarding use of force that prohibited the assault and battery of handcuffed, defenseless Plaintiff. The policies also required Clarke County employees to obtain medical care for those individuals/detainees who were in obvious need of such care. The named Defendants' failure to do so was in violation of these policies and constituted negligence, gross negligence, and/or reckless disregard, including the negligent and/or intentional infliction of emotional distress.

54. As a result of the foregoing, Plaintiff sustained serious physical injuries that resulted in significant injuries.

**SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

**(Intentional Torts under Mississippi State Law – Assault and Battery Defendants Deputy Ivy, Deputy Anthony Chancellor, Deputy Ryan Evans, Deputy Austin Touchstone, Justin Rawson, and Billy Lewis, In Their Individual Capacities)**

55. Plaintiff hereby repeats and realleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 54, inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

56. As a result of the individually-named Defendants' actions, including the beating of Plaintiff without justification, the Plaintiff was wrongfully assaulted and battered without just or probable cause or provocation. These actions also resulted in the intentional infliction of emotional distress.

57. As a result of the foregoing, the Plaintiff suffered serious physical injuries, pain and suffering.

**WHEREFORE, THE ABOVE BEING CONSIDERED,** the Plaintiff respectfully prays for the judgment against all Defendants, including compensatory damages, punitive damages against the individually named Defendants, any and all damages allowed by State and Federal law including attorney's fees under 42 U.S.C. §1988, pre-judgment interest, post-judgment interest, attorney's fees, in an aggregate amount well above the jurisdictional amount needed to bring this case in this Court.

This, the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

**MARQUIS TILMAN, Plaintiff**

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